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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**(North Dakota) Communities in Divide and Burke counties under boil order.**

Divide and Burke counties in North Dakota were placed under a boil order until further notice after a Western Area Water Supply Authority-owned pipeline broke near Crosby March 14. Officials stated that the pipeline will need to be replaced.

<http://www.kxnet.com/story/28524509/communities-in-divide-and-burke-counties-under-boil-order>

**(North Dakota) Breach found in Tolna Dam; large-scale flooding not a concern.** A breach was found on the Tolna Dam on the Tolna Coulee in Nelson County March 12 which grew to roughly 5 feet by March 13. Authorities do not believe residents are in danger of large-scale flooding but warned that about 10 families living downstream of the dam should be prepared to evacuate if the dam fails.

<http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/region/3699364-breach-found-tolna-dam-large-scale-flooding-not-concern>

**(North Dakota) One passenger hospitalized following emergency landing at Hector International Airport Monday morning.** A United Airlines flight headed from Anchorage, Alaska, to Chicago was diverted to Hector International Airport in Fargo, North Dakota, March 16 due to a passenger suffering a medical emergency on board. The flight was delayed for more than 7 hours after crews discovered that all of the plane's medical oxygen was used during the emergency and ordered the use of a replacement plane.

<http://www.wday.com/news/3701224-one-passenger-hospitalized-following-emergency-landing-hector-international-airport>

**(North Dakota) Drone manufacturers noticing North Dakota.** Backers of the first unmanned aircraft business park in the U.S. say the drones are creating a buzz. Construction on the Grand Sky grounds won't likely begin until May, but national and international companies are jockeying for position in the 1.2 million-square-foot park. <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/drone-manufacturers-noticing-north-dakota/>

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### **REGIONAL**

**(Montana) Glendive water system back on.** The city of Glendive's water system was brought back online March 16 after being shut down March 14 when residue from an oil spill along the Yellowstone River was detected at the water plant after an ice breakup released oil that was trapped in the ice since the January 17 spill. Officials advised 6,000 residents to conserve water March 14-15 while the plant was taken offline and crews installed an aeration system to remove any oil residue traces.

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/story/news/2015/03/16/glendive-water-system-back-online/24849457/>

**(Minnesota, North Dakota) Minnesota Man Shot By Law Officers After North Dakota Chase.** A 43-year-old Minnesota man is hospitalized in North Dakota after being shot by law officers in Jamestown. Authorities say the man fled from an officer who responded to a report of a drunk person at a convenience store shortly after midnight Monday, and rammed two law enforcement vehicles during the ensuing chase. <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/03/17/minnesota-man-shot-by-law-officers-after-north-dakota-chase/>

### **NATIONAL**

**(National) Premera Blue Cross says data breach exposed medical data.** Premera Blue Cross reported March 17 that hackers may have gained access to banking account numbers, Social Security numbers, and personal information for 11 million customers following a cyber-attack that began in May 2014. The health insurer is investigating and stated that this attack is unrelated to a previous Blue Cross Blue Shield breach in January.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/18/business/premera-blue-cross-says-data-breach-exposed-medical-data.html>

**(Colorado) Weapons destruction begins at Pueblo Chemical Depot.** The U.S. Army started March 18 destroying the nation's largest remaining stockpile of chemical weapons which is located at the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado and includes over 2,600 tons of mustard agent. Crews used a sealed explosion chamber to neutralize the weapons during the start of the process which is expected to take about 4 years.

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<http://www.kktv.com/home/headlines/Weapons-Destruction-Begins-at-Pueblo-Chemical-Depot-296847331.html>

**(National) Passengers Tackle Man Who Ran Toward a Flying Plane's Cockpit and Allegedly Yelled 'Jihad'.** A United Airlines spokesman says a flight headed from Washington, D.C., to Denver had to return to Dulles International Airport Monday night after a passenger failed to comply with crew instructions.

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2015/03/17/passengers-tackle-man-who-ran-toward-a-flying-planes-cockpit-watch-him-apologize-afterward/>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**(International) ISIS releases hit list of 100 American military personnel.** ISIS has posted online what it's calling a target list with the names and addresses of 100 US military personnel — and calling on “brothers residing in America” to kill them, Pentagon officials said. <http://nypost.com/2015/03/22/isis-releases-hit-list-of-100-american-military-personnel/>

**(International) Three individuals charged with defrauding banks and USDA export financing program.** The U.S. District Attorney for Connecticut announced March 16 that three suspects were charged for their roles in a multimillion dollar fraud scheme in which they allegedly used altered documents and a U.S. Department of Agriculture export financing program to secure loans from U.S. financial institutions, and then transferred the funds to foreign banks in Russia for a commission. The foreign banks defaulted on over \$10 million worth of loans from 2007-2012. <http://www.fbi.gov/newhaven/press-releases/2015/three-individuals-charged-with-defrauding-banks-and-usda-export-financing-program>

**(International) Almost 2,000 popular Android and iOS apps are vulnerable to FREAK attack.** FireEye researchers discovered that 1,999 popular Android and Apple iOS apps used for photo and video, financial, lifestyle, social networking, communication, or shopping are susceptible to the Factoring RSA-Export Key (FREAK) attack which weakens encryption due to a vulnerable build of OpenSSL cryptographic library. The apps all contain sensitive information including data related to online banking, account log-in credentials, or medical information. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Almost-2-000-Popular-Android-and-iOS-Apps-Are-Vulnerable-to-FREAK-Attack-476101.shtml>

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## **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(Texas)** SAPD's bomb squad detonates device at Southwest Side Walmart. Police responded to a San Antonio Walmart March 16 to investigate a suspicious device believed to be a pipe bomb that was found in the store's parking lot. The device was detonated as a precaution and police are investigating the contents of the pipe. <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/SAPD-s-bomb-squad-detonates-device-at-Southwest-6136890.php>

## **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

**(National)** Verizon to pay \$3.4 mln to settle U.S. 911 outage investigation. Verizon Communications Inc., agreed to pay a \$3.4 million fine March 18 to settle a U.S. Federal Communications Commission investigation into an April 2014 incident that affected 750,000 California subscribers who could not reach emergency operators during a 6-hour, multi-state 9-1-1 outage that impacted a total of 11 million people and dozens of emergency call centers in 7 States. Verizon also agreed to adopt a special compliance plan and improve its subcontractor oversight and coordination with emergency call centers. <http://in.reuters.com/article/2015/03/18/usa-verizon-commn-idINL2NOWK11U20150318>

## **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**(National)** Honda adds 105,000 vehicles to driver's air bag recall. Honda issued a recall March 18 for approximately 89,000 model year 2008 Pilot SUVs, 11,000 model year 2004 Civics, and 5,000 model year 2001 Accords for a defect in Takata Corp. of Japan-made driver's side airbags that could cause inflators to blow apart

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metal canisters and spew shrapnel into passengers and drivers. The airbag issue has affected over 17 million vehicles in the U.S. and 22 million worldwide.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/honda-adds-105000-vehicles-drivers-air-bag-recall-29747904>

### **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

**Nothing Significant to Report**

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(Iowa) Iowa auditor: Over \$100,000 in ‘unsupported and improper disbursements’ connected to Woodbine fire department.** The Iowa State Auditor released a report March 17 alleging that \$106,269 was spent by members of the Woodbine Volunteer Fire Department from January 2009 through March 2014 on improper and unsupported expenditures including fuel for personal vehicles, alcohol purchases, and undocumented expenses. Three fire department members were charged with unauthorized use of a credit card and the department is working on improving its record keeping and accountability.

[http://www.omaha.com/news/iowa/iowa-auditor-over-in-unsupported-and-improper-disbursements-connected-to/article\\_7aaa2ea3-3eef-533d-9e4f-d93b048b33bb.html](http://www.omaha.com/news/iowa/iowa-auditor-over-in-unsupported-and-improper-disbursements-connected-to/article_7aaa2ea3-3eef-533d-9e4f-d93b048b33bb.html)

**(New York) New York City Police Department auxiliary officer charged with hacking into NYPD computer and FBI database.** An auxiliary officer with the New York City Police Department (NYPD) was arrested and charged March 17 for allegedly using his position to hack into a restricted NYPD computer and other sensitive law enforcement computer systems by installing multiple electronic devices in the Traffic Safety Office of an NYPD precinct to obtain the personal information of thousands of citizens in order to commit fraud. The auxiliary officer ran over 6,400 queries and contacted individuals involved in traffic accidents falsely claiming to be affiliated with a law firm in order to encourage the victims to hire his services. <http://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2015/new-york-city-police-department-auxiliary-officer-charged-with-hacking-into-nypd-computer-and-fbi-database>

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### **ENERGY**

**(North Dakota) 2,500 gallons of saltwater and 200 gallons of oil spill near Bowbells, ND.** The North Dakota Department of Health reported March 14 that about 2,500 gallons of saltwater and 200 gallons of oil spilled, impacting a tributary of Stony Creek near Bowbells. Impacted water was diked to prevent further runoff and authorities are investigating the cause of the spill.

<http://www.wdaz.com/news/north-dakota/3700161-2500-gallons-saltwater-and-200-gallons-oil-spill-near-bowbells-nd>

**(North Dakota) Nearly 12K gallons of saltwater spill in northern ND.** The North Dakota Oil and Gas Division reported March 18 that 11,970 gallons of saltwater spilled near the Petro Harvester Operating Company, LLC-owned Peterson 2 disposal well in Bottineau County due to a piping connection leak. The water was contained to the site and recovered.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/mar/18/nearly-12k-gallons-of-saltwater-spill-in-northern-/>

**(Oregon) Oregon oil train terminal pays reduced fine for 'serious violation'.** Massachusetts-based Global Partners will pay \$102,292 as part of a settlement reached March 18 with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for moving nearly 300 million gallons of crude oil through its oil train terminal near Clatskanie in 2013, exceeding the 50 million gallon annual limit. The company did not admit any wrongdoing as part of the settlement.

[http://www.oregonlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/03/oregon\\_oil\\_train\\_terminal\\_pays.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/03/oregon_oil_train_terminal_pays.html)

### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**(International) Kraft recalls more than 6 million boxes of macaroni and cheese because they may contain metal.** Kraft Foods Group announced March 17 a voluntary recall of about 242,000 cases containing 6.5 million boxes of its Macaroni & Cheese Dinner product that were distributed throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, and some South American countries due to the possibility that some boxes may contain metal fragments. The company warned consumers not to prepare and eat macaroni that comes in the original flavor, 7.25-ounce packages of the product. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to->

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[your-health/wp/2015/03/17/kraft-recalls-242000-cases-of-macaroni-and-cheese-because-they-may-contain-metal/](#)

**(California) U.S. reports bird flu outbreak in California - OIE.** The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed March 18 the presence of the low pathogenic H7N3 avian influenza on a commercial turkey flock in Merced County, California, and reported that the infected premises was placed under quarantine pending an epidemiological investigation following the findings.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/18/birdflu-california-idUSL6N0WK3VA20150318>

### **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Rhode Island) A Providence high school's website hacked.** Officials with Providence Public Schools reported March 15 that Classical High School's Web site was breached March 14 by a group claiming to support the Islamic State (ISIS) group after every page on the site was linked to a page containing text in reference to the terror group. The site's private vendor disabled the Web site and the school assured the public that no information was compromised.

<http://www.abc6.com/story/28523467/a-providence-high-schools-website-hacked>

**(Washington, D.C.) White House is mailed package with cyanide.** The U.S. Secret Service confirmed March 17 that the White House in Washington, D.C. received an envelope March 16 at its mail screening facility which initially tested negative for any threatening substances, but tested positive for cyanide in a follow-up chemical test. The sample was sent to another facility to confirm the positive test results and no injuries or exposure concerns were reported.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/03/17/politics/white-house-mailed-cyanide/>

**(Washington) Teen disables hundreds of email addresses in Oak Harbor School District.** The Oak Harbor School District in Washington reported that an individual illegally obtained credentials for staff members' accounts and disabled email addresses at multiple schools in the district, after the incident was discovered February 19 when inboxes could not be accessed.

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<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Teen-Disables-Hundreds-of-Email-Addresses-in-Oak-Harbor-School-District-476160.shtml>

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**(National) Planned outage of internet-linked systems.** The U.S. Department of State released March 13 that it will temporarily takedown its main unclassified network in order to make improvements to the security of Internet-linked systems following an increase in reports of cyber incidents among the department. Officials asserted that no classified systems, or core financial, human resource, or consular systems were compromised.

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2015/03/238878.htm>

**(International) Brute force box lets researchers, cops, pop iDevice locks.** A security researcher from MDSec discovered that the IP-Box tool exploits a vulnerability in iOS devices running versions 8.1 and older for iPhones or iPads that allows unlimited password guesses of four-digit personal identification numbers (PIN) allowing hackers to bypass rate-limiters and settings to gain personal data after a set of failed attempts.

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/03/16/hardware\\_bruteforce\\_passwords/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/03/16/hardware_bruteforce_passwords/)

**(Oregon) Advantage Dental reports data breach.** Redmond-based Advantage Dental reported March 16 that personal information, including Social Security numbers, of over 151,000 patients was accessed after its internal membership database was breached in February when an employee's computer was infected with malware. The company has taken additional security steps to prevent any future attacks and continues to investigate.

<http://www.bendbulletin.com/health/2984021-151/advantage-dental-reports-more-than-151000-patient-records#>

**(International) Johnson Controls, XZERES, Honeywell patch vulnerable products.** The Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) announced that Johnson Controls, Honeywell, and XZERES released patches addressing vulnerabilities in their products which can be exploited by an attacker to gain administrative access and compromise affected systems through a cross-site request forgery (CSRF) flaw, an unrestricted file upload vulnerability, or a path

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traversal vulnerability. <http://www.securityweek.com/johnson-controls-xzeres-honeywell-patch-vulnerable-products>

**(International)** At least 700,000 routers given to customers by ISPs are vulnerable to hacking. A security researcher discovered that over 700,000 ADSL routers, mostly running firmware from the China-based Shenzhen Gongjin Electronics, doing business as T&W trademark, and distributed to customers from internet service providers (ISPs) worldwide, contain directory transversal flaws in their firmware that could allow attackers to extract sensitive data and change router configuration settings. The researcher notified the firmware developer, affected device vendors, and the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT). [http://www.networkworld.com/article/2899733/security/at-least-700000-routers-given-to-customers-by-isps-are-vulnerable-to-hacking.html#tk.rss\\_all](http://www.networkworld.com/article/2899733/security/at-least-700000-routers-given-to-customers-by-isps-are-vulnerable-to-hacking.html#tk.rss_all)

### PUBLIC HEALTH

**(Kansas)** Kansas high school finds 27 positive tuberculosis cases. Johnson County Department of Health and Environment officials reported March 18 that 27 people tested positive for tuberculosis at Olathe Northwest High School in Kansas after health officials tested over 300 students and staff when an active case was reported. Individuals that tested positive for the disease will be treated and those that tested negative will be retested May 5. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/18/us-usa-health-tuberculosis-idUSKBN0ME2P120150318>

### TRANSPORTATION

**(New York)** Inspection finds several defects with crude oil tank cars, rails through New York. The office of the governor of New York announced March 17 that an inspection of crude oil tank cars and rails through New York uncovered 93 defects that could result in unstable tracks, including 7 critical safety problems that needed immediate fix. <http://7online.com/news/inspection-finds-several-defects-with-crude-oil-tank-cars-rails-through-new-york/561887/>

**(Minnesota)** Spring thaw causes Highway 74 near Beaver to close. A 7-mile stretch of Highway 74 from Winona County Road 30 in Beaver, to Wabasha

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County Road 26 in Weaver, was closed indefinitely March 18 by the Minnesota Department of Transportation due to poor road conditions caused by spring thaw and rising waterways. The road will remain closed until conditions improve.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/03/18/spring-thaw-causes-highway-74-near-beaver-to-close/>

### **WATER AND DAMS**

**(Idaho) Sewage spill reported in Hayden Lake district.** The Hayden Lake Recreational Water and Sewer District in Idaho reported March 17 that an estimated 900 to 2,700 gallons of raw sewage discharged March 14 from a partially open valve on a pipe at an under construction pump station in the area. The incident was reported to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, while a 5-yard patch of contaminated soil was removed and the area was disinfected. [http://www.cdapress.com/news/local\\_news/article\\_5c8f538c-a2ba-5ca2-9d12-c6886fc94508.html](http://www.cdapress.com/news/local_news/article_5c8f538c-a2ba-5ca2-9d12-c6886fc94508.html)

### **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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